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**FAMILIES BECOME OCEAN EXPLORERS AND PACIFIC ADVENTURERS
THIS SUMMER AT HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE ON HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND**

WAIKOLOA, HAWAII – Nestled among swaying palm trees and lush tropical gardens, overlooking the glistening blue waters off the sunny Kohala Coast on Hawaii's Big Island, the award-winning **HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE** is a 62-acre Pacific Playground packed with adventures for the whole family to enjoy this summer. Families transform into a team of explorers, with Pacific adventures and the discoveries of a lifetime beckoning them to book an **OCEAN EXPLORER FAMILY ESCAPE** package, available now through Dec. 20, 2009 starting at **\$294 per room, per night** for a four-night stay for two adults and two children.

This summer family escape starts with Hilton Serenity accommodations and welcome amenity Ocean Explorer kids backpacks filled with essential exploring gear such as underwater camera and ocean fish guide card for use in the snorkeling lagoon, book of postcards, coloring book, Dol-fun activity book, dolphin key chain, dolphin magnet and Slippah magnet. Two adult and two children explorers also receive a daily full breakfast buffet and a one time glass bottom boat cruise of Anaeho'omalua Bay where an underwater world is waiting to be discovered. The included "Things-To-Do" Keiki Brochure, Camp Menehune Brochure and Art Tour guide provide a wealth of ideas for other ways to explore and learn about Hilton Waikoloa Village and the Big Island.

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- One time glass bottom boat cruise
- Things-To-Do Keiki Brochure, Camp Brochure and Art Tour guide

Hilton Waikoloa Village offers ocean explorers a way to discover the wonders of the sea in the safe heaven of the **four-acre ocean-fed saltwater lagoon**, set on a private white-sand beach and teeming with tropical fish and rare green sea turtles. The protected oasis is the perfect setting for snorkeling, swimming, kayaking and exploring the resort's waterway on paddleboats or water bikes.

Hawaiian inspired children's activities at **Camp Menehune** day and night camps for keiki (children) ages 5-12 offer experiences for the whole family or a safe and fun environment for children while parents enjoy island entertainment and relaxation. Activities range from exploring tide pools and searching for resort wildlife to painting coconuts and hula dancing contests. Children can spend the day or night at the camp or stop by for a chosen adventure such as Mo'olelo storytelling, Whacky Luau Night or Stargazing.

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Explorers continue their Waikoloa journey with a magic voyage at the **Dolphin Quest Learning Lagoon**. Families dive into the water with resident dolphins and learn about these creatures' amazing abilities through exciting new packages such as the Wee Tots experience for toddlers ages two to four and Dolphin Moments package for a quick photo opportunity for up to four guests. Trainer For a Week is the ultimate individualized experience and chance to live out a life long dream of being a dolphin trainer, with several hours each day spent learning from and assisting the Dolphin Quest trainers as they work and play.

Families can also spend time together taking in the most amazing of views on the Kohala Coast – with Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa and the Pacific Ocean in the background – while playing a round on the **Seaside Putting Course** or on greens carved from lava fields at the **Waikoloa Golf** oceanfront **Beach Course** or Scottish style **Kings' Course**.

Travelers leave the stresses of home behind and immerse themselves into the essence of Hawaiian culture by attending the authentic **Legends of the Pacific Luau** dinner and show available twice a week, including a grand buffet filled with traditional Hawaiian dishes and traditional Pacific Rim music and entertainment.

Guests also have the opportunity to partake in Hawaiian **culinary discoveries** at one of nine Hilton Waikoloa Village dining outlets, all serving Island-inspired dishes with fresh local ingredients and uniquely Hawaiian cocktails such as the Blue Hawaiian or the Signature 180-Second Cocktail named after the perfect 180-second Hawaiian sunset.

The never ending adventure is complemented by **Big Island excursions** available through resort partners such as **Hawaii Forest & Trail**, with guided tours to Volcano National Park offering up close encounters with Kilauea Volcano and ancient lava tubes, to breathtaking Akaka Falls waterfall in the midst of the Hawaiian rainforest or to snowcapped Manua Kea which houses the world's largest astronomy observatory and offers views of 90 percent of the stars visible from Earth.

The great Hawaiian voyage is now more affordable than ever with continuously decreasing rates on Kona International Airport partners who offer daily direct flights from Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Phoenix and Chicago that provide countless affordable options for mainland visitors. Waikoloa Beach Resort is an unparalleled complete family vacation destination resort, with a plethora of activities on site and affordable accommodations at Hilton Waikoloa Village.

For room reservations at Hilton Waikoloa Village, visit www.hiltonwaikoloavillage.com or call 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

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***Ocean Explorer Family Escape package rates are based on availability and subject to change. Travel must be complete by December 20, 2009 and booked at least 14 days in advance.**

About Waikoloa Beach Resort

Waikoloa Beach Resort -- a 1,350-acre Resort located under the sunny skies of the Kohala Coast on Hawaii's Big Island -- offers a wide array of accommodations, including Hilton Waikoloa Village, Hilton Grand Vacations Club and a variety of condominiums and vacation homes. Waikoloa Beach Resort is a gateway to cultural immersion, engaging travelers in the area's rich history through interactive cultural entertainment and luaus, historic Petroglyph tours, authentic local treatments at the Kohala Spa, Dolphin Quest educational center, dining outlets with Island-oriented meals inspired by local ingredients, a Museum Walkway with 1,800 pieces of art and children's programs at Camp Menehune. Waikoloa guests enjoy incredible weather year-round, with outdoor adventures ranging from championship golf at the Beach Course and Kings' Course and shopping at Queen's Marketplace and Kings' Shops to casual family fun at the private ocean-fed snorkeling Lagoon, seaside putting course and expansive tennis complex.

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